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November 16, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: WINSTON LORD *W*  
SUBJECT: Talking Points for Group II

Attached is a first draft of the talking points for your November 20 meeting with the Chinese. Re Secretary Khan's visit (page 3) I have nothing to go on.

Also enclosed is the list of commitments you made to Chou in October. I think the talking points adequately cover those which need to be addressed now. On the others:

-- It is obviously premature to consider new Taiwan language (3).

*What law  
we have?* -- We do not yet have a formulation for the issue on the status of Taiwan if another government raises this question (5).

*What are  
the facts?* -- I understand that Haig has checked out CINCPAC's reconnaissance flights and that these are under control (8).

-- I don't believe there is any need to talk to the Chinese about the Mid East at this time (13).

-- The UNCURK question is one of the issues being looked at in the short fuse NSSM concerning issues that the Chinese may raise in the UN; we don't need to tell the Chinese anything now.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

DOS Review Completed.

JCS completed review for PACOM

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Talking Points

[-- First wait to hear any Chinese messages on:

- . Proposed time of November 23, 1600 to announce date of President's visit;
- . Proposed release of further trip information by the President later that day (Mrs. Nixon, seven days, Hangchow and Shanghai, looking into media arrangements);
- . Contacts with the PRC delegation in New York;
- . PRC views on South Asia, including possible UN Security Council meeting.]

Preparations for President's trip

-- The President has decided that he will travel in a Chinese plane to Hangchow and Shanghai.

-- Our technical people have compiled the additional information your officials requested concerning the ground station and Boeing 747 processing center. (Hand over materials.) Our personnel will be prepared to answer any questions you may have on the next advance trip.

-- We propose that the technical advance party, headed by General Haig, arrive in China on \_\_\_\_\_ and stay approximately one week. They would like to visit Shanghai and Hangchow as well as Peking.

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-- This early date is desirable so that the U.S. side can fully explain the ground station to the Chinese side preparatory to a routine request for authorization from Intelsat for use of satellite facilities during the President's visit. (FYI: The Chinese would make a standard brief request through a third party.) Intelsat is holding a week-long meeting in Washington December 8-15 during which time the request should be made.

South Asia

-- It is too early to judge whether Mrs. Gandhi's travels will result in more restraint on Indian policy.

-- The President emphasized that:

- . the initiation of hostilities would be flatly unacceptable and could lead to severe steps by the U.S. and other major powers;
- . policies could not be pressed on President Yahya which would be tantamount to overthrowing him;
- . India should respond to Pakistan's willingness to pull back its troops from the border.

-- President Yahya has recently shown greater political imagination and this makes it harder for India to be provocative.

-- The PRC expression of support for Pakistan during Bhutto's visit was very timely and helpful.

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-- Pakistani Foreign Secretary Khan gave us a full rundown of the Chinese-Pakistan talks and spoke approvingly of Chinese support. He in turn was assured of continuing U.S. understanding and assistance for Pakistan.

-- As explained in our November 9 note, pro-Indian elements prematurely disclosed the drying up of the pipeline of arms shipments to Pakistan. This step, taken when almost all equipment had been delivered and after close consultation with President Yahya, strengthens our hand with the Congress on the vital issue of economic aid.

Chinese UN Statement

-- We don't expect the PRC to abandon its stands, and we recognize its needs to make its positions clear.

-- However, we found the rhetoric excessive in the November 15 inaugural UN address of the PRC delegation.

-- As I explained to the Prime Minister, many domestic and international opponents are looking for pretexts to attack the new policy. Events such as that speech give them symbols to rally around. The critics have gleefully used the PRC indictment of the U.S. to undercut support for the President's policy.

-- We were obliged to comment, though we kept it out of the White House and greatly diluted what the bureaucracy proposed.

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-- Each country, while sticking to its principles, will have to keep in mind the problems of the other.

U.S. -Soviet Talks on Incidents at Sea

-- From October 12 to 22 we held discussions in Moscow on means of reducing the dangers of incidents at sea which had been occurring between Soviet and U.S. naval forces operating in close proximity.

-- The U.S. delegation was headed by Under Secretary of the Navy John Warner and the talks dealt with the operational conduct and safety procedures of naval ships and aircraft.

-- The talks were workmanlike. The delegations agreed to submit understandings reached to date to their governments ad referendum.

-- These understandings, if eventually approved, would have both countries instruct the commanding officers of their ships to:

- . observe the rules of the road and use proper signals;
- . stay at distances which exclude the chance of collision;
- . avoid hindering or endangering aircraft carriers launching and landing aircraft; and
- . eliminate harassments such as simulated attacks, supersonic overflights and illumination of ships' bridges at night.

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-- We expect there will be a second round of talks in Washington at which time the Soviets will probably want to discuss air-to-air incidents.

Kishi Talks with President

-- I told the Prime Minister that the talks between the President and former Japanese Prime Minister Kishi while I was in Peking were primarily on economic issues, but I would let him know if matters of direct concern to the PRC were covered.

-- The bulk of the conversation was on economic issues, including textiles and the President's new economic program. There was also considerable discussion on the reversion of Okinawa to Japan.

-- The President took the occasion to explain his policy toward the PRC, his view that the PRC should be admitted to the UN, and his perspectives on his upcoming visit to Peking.

Taiwan Independence Movements

-- I told the Prime Minister that we would not encourage or support groups in favor of Taiwan independence. He mentioned recent demonstrations at United Nations headquarters and elsewhere -- I said I was sure there was no U.S. government involvement and would look into the incident.

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-- I can reconfirm that there was no U.S. official involvement or participation in these demonstrations.

-- It is true that there has been an increase in demonstrations since the July 15 announcement (we have identified about ten in the past four months) but the activity remains at a fairly low level. Most strength for the movement in the U.S. is centered in the New York City area and at large Midwestern universities having sizable numbers of Taiwanese students.

-- As I said to the Prime Minister we will look into any allegations of official U.S. involvement in these movements.

[-- If asked, e.g. about demonstrations in recent days outside PRC hotel:

- . Americans are permitted to express themselves freely as long as they are not disorderly.
  - . The US government, of course, is not involved in these demonstrations in any way.
  - . Officials will make sure that strict security is maintained.
- However, in our country, there is no way they can take action against demonstrators provided they are peaceful and do not violate existing regulations.

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. The White House and the President have undergone  
many unpleasant demonstrations themselves.]

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